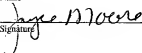


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In re Application of :
KEITH HOMER BAKER, et al. :
Parent Application :
Serial No. 09/693,224 : Group Art Unit 1751
Filed: November 5, 2001 : Examiner E. Elhilo
For COMPOSITIONS FOR :
TREATING SHOES AND :
ARTICLES EMPLOYING THE :
SAME :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first sentence of the specification as follows:

CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/693,224, filed October 20, 2000 (pending), which is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of the filing dates of US

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A version of this sentence with markings made to show the changes made is attached hereto.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the informal drawings originally filed with the formal drawings transmitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:


Before calculating the filing fee, please cancel Claims 1-56 and 74.

REMARKS

This application is being filed to pursue Claims 57-73 and 75 which were not elected, and withdrawn from consideration in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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